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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 84-83

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO THE AB 1531 DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

REFERENCE:

This is to provide additional information and instructions relating to the seasonal employment demonstration project that has recently been implemented in California for AFDC recipients. Under this project, which was required by the enactment of AB 1531 (Chapter 1291, Statutes of 1983, Agnos) last year, AFDC recipients will be given priority consideration, on a voluntary basis, for seasonal jobs in State agencies. General information on this project was included in All-County Information Notice 1-30-84. As indicated in that notice, the referral and hiring activities for this project will be completed by the Employment Development Department (EDD) and the various State agencies. The instructions contained in this All-County Letter are now being developed as handbook material and will ensure that there will be no penalties imposed for recipients who do not participate in the project or who quit seasonal employment in State agencies before the regular termination date. These instructions are to be immediately applied where necessary, and will be provided to counties in handbook form as soon as possible.

In order to operate this project, the Director of the Department of Social Services, by Formal Order (Attachment 1), has waived certain regulation sections. In accordance with this order, counties are instructed not to apply the following regulations in the circumstances described:

1. Job Refusal (MPP Sections 41-440.22, 41-441.3, 41-442.11, 41-442.13, 41-442.221, 41-442.24, 41-442.25 and 42-691).

The waiver of these regulation sections will allow AFDC-U principal earner parents and AFDC-FG recipients to be continually or immediately eligible for assistance after refusing a seasonal job offered under this project. No 30-day penalty or waiting period is to be applied to AFDC-U principal earner parents. This waiver will also eliminate the requirement that counties do good cause determinations for recipients refusing a State seasonal job offered through this project. Local EDD offices will not notify the welfare department of those recipients who choose not to participate in the project.

2. Job Quit (MPP Sections 41-440.21, 41-442.13, 41-442.222, 41-442.24, 41-442.25, and 42-691).

The waiver of these regulation sections will allow a federal AFDC-U principal earner or AFDC-FG recipient to be continually or immediately eligible for federal assistance after quitting or terminating a seasonal job under this project. The State-only AFDC-U principal earner will also be continually or immediately eligible for State-only AFDC-U benefits, providing that he/she has a remaining period of eligibility. This waiver also eliminates the requirement that counties do good cause determinations when recipients quit a State seasonal job.

3. Consideration of Earned Income Disregards (MPP Section 44-113.217).

Earned income disregards will continue to be applied for recipients who refuse or terminate seasonal employment provided through this project within 30 days prior to the budget period.

These waivers shall only apply when it has been verified that a job refusal or quit was related to State Civil Service seasonal class employment. Counties shall follow the normal procedures that are used to verify other reports of job refusal or job quit to confirm this information.

If you have any questions regarding this Demonstration Project, please contact Glen A. Campora of the Employment Programs Bureau, at (916) 323-5206.

Sincerely,


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Deputy Director

Attachment

cc: CWDA

Order of the Director

I, LINDA S. McMAHON, Director, State Department of Social Services, after being duly informed that:

1. The demonstration project, A Proposal to Reduce Welfare Dependency Through Seasonal Employment Opportunities in State Government, referred to as the "AB 1531 Project" will be conducted statewide pursuant to federal waiver authority contained in Section 1115 of the Social Security Act granted by the Department of Health and Human Services, Social Security Administration, and in accordance with Assembly Bill 1531 (Chapter 1291, Statutes of 1983) which added Article 1.5 (commencing with Section 19063) to the Government Code.
2. The "AB 1531 Project" contains alternative methods and procedures of administration which will govern the administration of the project and the conduct of participants receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC).

ORDER that in accordance with the powers vested in the Director pursuant to Section 18204 of the Welfare and Institutions Code and in compliance with Section 19063 of the Government Code as enacted in 1983 in Assembly Bill 1531, the following statutes and regulations of the State of California are hereby WAIVED:

Welfare and Institutions Code Sections:

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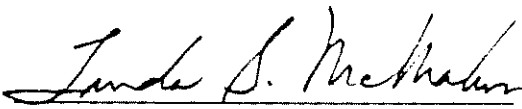
Manual of Policies and Procedures Sections:

41-440.21	41-440.22
41-441.3	41-442
42-691	44-113.217

These waivers shall have force and effect only with respect to and for the duration of the federal waivers approved for the "AB 1531 Project" for the period March 1, 1984 through February 28, 1985, unless formally amended with the term extended by my order.

The foregoing is the ORDER of the Director, Department of Social Services.

3/28/84
Date


LINDA S. McMAHON
Director